(d) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce the losses such as enforcing 100 per cent weighment at the handling points of food grains to the extent possible, additional installation of weighbridges, stricter quality control at the time of purchase, better preservation, reduction in quantum of filling, machine stitching, effective supervision, surprise checks and construction/hiring of additional storage capacity.

Outstanding amount of N.C.D.C.

440. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount outstanding to the National Cooperative Development Corporation from various Cooperative societies;

(b) the total number of cooperative societies to whom N.C.D.C. had advanced loans during last three years and the amount advanced year-wise;

(c) the number of SC/ST Co-operative societies drawn loans from N.C.D.C. State-wise; and

(d) what is the number of SC/ST Members in these SC/ST societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) As on 31-3-1986, the loans outstanding amounted to Rs. 632.46 crores.

(b) The details regarding loans advanced to cooperatives during the last three years are as under:

Year	Coop. Societies to whom loan advanced (No.)	Loan advanced (Rs. in crores)
1983-84	14,767	124·57
1984-85	12,539	125·72
1985-86	11,760	116·30

(c) and (d) Under the schemes of N.C.D.C., the cooperatives which have 40 per cent or more membership from Scheduled Caste communities are categorised as Scheduled Caste Cooperatives; and the societies which have more than 50 per cent membership from Scheduled Tribe communities, as tribal cooperatives. The State-wise number of SC/ST cooperative societies which were advanced loans during the last three years and in 1985-86, is as under:

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Societies assisted during 83-84 to 85-86	Societies assisted during 1985-86
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7	—
2	Assam	24	3
3	Bihar	41	25
4	Gujarat	50	47
5	Himachal Pradesh	33	6
6	Karnataka	5	4
7	Kerala	14	4

1	2	3	4
8	Madhya Pradesh	1144	95
9	Maharashtra	10	7
10	Manipur	19	11
11	Meghalaya	21	1
12	Naglanad	2	2
13	Orissa	46	7
14	Rajasthan	209	57
15	Tamil Nadu	766	5
16	Tripura	50	19
17	Uttar Pradesh	42	37
18	West Bengal	41	13
19	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	6	1
	TOTAL	2530	344

Stand of Andhra Pradesh Government on the Telugu-Ganga Project

441. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Andhra Pradesh Government is going ahead with the Telugu-Ganga Project without obtaining its clearance from the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The clearance of the Project will be considered after the techno-economic and environmental aspects are settled and the Inter-State issues resolved.

Fish Wealth

442. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of fish wealth available in Indian waters has been made;

(b) if so, what percentage of this is being harnessed; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The total potential of fish wealth in Indian waters including Inland waters is estimated to be about 9 million tonnes.

(b) The total estimated fish production of the country during 1986 is about 2.88 million tonnes which is about 32 per cent of the total potential.

(c) Some of the important steps being taken to increase the production of fish in the country are:

(i) Augmentation of deep sea fishing fleet through a judicious mix of indigenous, imported and chartered fishing vessels.

(ii) Augmentation of fishery Survey and training of fishermen.